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C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 1823

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : PFOR, MX

SUBJ : VISIT TO MEXICO CITY, MARCH 22-25

REF : MEXICO'S 1812

FOR AMBASSADOR SCALI FROM CHARGE

1. SECRETARY RABASA CALLED AGAIN THIS MORNING TO INQUIRE CONCERNING YOUR DESIRES WITH REGARD TO THE PRESS. HE QUESTIONED WHETHER YOU MIGHT WISH SCHEDULE PRESS CONFERENCE OR PRESS INTERVIEW DURING COURSE OF FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

2. I TOLD THE SECRETARY I WOULD CONSULT YOU, BUT EXPRESSED MY VIEW THAT IT WOULD BE BEST TO HOLD OFF ANY CONTACT WITH THE PRESS UNTIL AFTER YOUR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA. (THERE IS ALWAYS PRESS AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, THE SIZE AND COMPOSITION OF WHICH CAN GENERALLY BE TAILORED ACCORDING TO THE VISITOR'S DESIRES.) WE WOULD NOT RECOMMEND FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCES ATTACHED TO YOUR VISIT. WE DO SEE MERIT IN AN INFORMAL MEETING WITH THE PRESS JUST AFTER CONFERRING WITH THE PRESIDENT. WE BELIEVE SOME USEFUL POINTS OF FACT OF US POSITION ON PANAMA CANAL ISSUE AND ITS HISTORY (LITTLE MENTIONED IN THE MEXICAN PRESS THESE PAST DAYS) COULD BE MADE.

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3. WHAT IS YOUR PREFERENCE? PENDING YOUR DECISION, WE ARE
PREPARING BACKGROUNDER US POSITION CANAL QUESTION,

BASED ON DEPTELS 028843 AND 038228 OF FEBRUARY 15 AND MARCH

2. WILL CABLE SUGGESTED BACKGROUND HANDOUT IMMEDIATELY IF
YOU DECIDE TO MEET BRIEFLY AND INFORMALLY WITH THE PRESS
AFTER A VISIT WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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